

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 523 — Licensure to Carry a Concealed Weapon or Firearm

by Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Business and Professional Regulation Subcommittee; and Reps. Grant, Steube, and others (CS/CS/SB 544 by Appropriations Committee; Agriculture Committee; and Senators Simpson, Latvala, Bean, Benacquisto, Hays, Brandes, Bradley, Negron, Dean, Evers, Stargel, Galvano, Diaz de la Portilla, Grimsley, and Thrasher)

The bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to appoint county tax collectors to accept new and renewal concealed weapon or firearm license applications.

Under the provisions in the bill, applicant information will be electronically input and transmitted for processing to the DACS Division of Licensing (the division) in Tallahassee. Licenses will be issued by the division by mail.

The bill requires county tax collectors seeking appointment to submit a written request to the division. Upon approval of the request, the bill authorizes the division to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the tax collector on behalf of the department.

All personal identifying information provided for the license or renewal that is contained in a tax collector's records as a result of the MOU is made confidential and exempt as provided in s. 790.0601, F.S., by a related bill, CS/HB 525.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 94-22